

Queen Victoria - Surface Printed 1/- Issue.

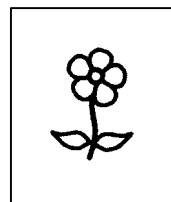
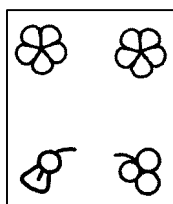
The 1/- surface printed stamp, printed by Thomas De La Rue and introduced **1st November 1856**, was a direct replacement for the embossed 1/- stamp introduced on 11th September 1847. The design consisted of the Queen's head inside an oval, with the words 'POSTAGE ONE SHILLING' running around.



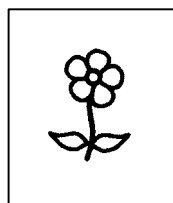
Small white corner letters were incorporated into the stamp design of Plate 2 (although each impression has the number '1'), and introduced on **1st December 1862**. Although plate 3 used the same format (except for the number '2' in the design), and was registered on 16th June 1862, it was never put to press.



Due to their early nature, neither of the above stamps have yet been reported with a Perfin!



Large white corner letters were used on plate 4, which was introduced **19th January 1865**. Plate 4 was still in use when the watermark changed from 'Emblems' to 'Spray', so can be found with both. The 1/- stamps on 'Spray' watermarked paper were introduced **13th July 1867**, and can be found on plates 4-7.



Large coloured corner letters were used from plate 8 onwards, introduced **1st September 1873**, which also appeared on successive plates up to plate 13. There was a change of colour from 'Green' to 'Orange-brown', introduced **14th October 1880**, which also affected plate 13.



The last variety, a change to 'Imperial Crown' watermarked paper, also involved plate 13, as well as the final plate of the series, plate 14. The stamps were introduced **24th May 1881**. These 1/- stamps were replaced by the 1/- value in the 'Lilac and Green' issue introduced 1st April 1884.

TOTALS for the 1/- Surface Printed issues.					
Overall	Different dies (DD) >>	218		DDF >>	371*
Invisible plate numbers.					
		Put to press	Watermark	Colour	
Plate 1	No corner letters	12-Oct-1856	Emblems	Green	---
Plate 2	Small White letters '1'	8-Oct-1862	Emblems	Green	---
Plate 3	Small White letters '2'	Abnormal	Emblems	Green	---
Visible plate numbers.					
Plate 4	Large White letters	8-Dec-1864	Emblems	Green	13
	Large White letters	---	Spray		
Plate 5	Large White letters	20-Feb-1871	Spray	Green	14
Plate 6	Large White letters	20-Mar-1872	Spray	Green	14
Plate 7	Large White letters	11-Nov-1872	Spray	Green	16
Plate 8	Large Coloured letters	10-Jun-1873	Spray	Green	11
Plate 9	Large Coloured letters	21-Nov-1873	Spray	Green	15
Plate 10	Large Coloured letters	14-Jul-1874	Spray	Green	17
Plate 11	Large Coloured letters	14-Dec-1874	Spray	Green	18
Plate 12	Large Coloured letters	24-Jun-1875	Spray	Green	33
Plate 13	Large Coloured letters	17-Jan-1876	Spray	Green	38
Plate 13	Large Coloured letters	---	Spray	Orange-brown	56
Plate 13	Large Coloured letters	May-1881	Imperial Crown		
Plate 14	Large Coloured letters	Abnormal	Spray	Green	---
Plate 14	Large Coloured letters	21-Oct-1881	Imperial Crown	Orange-brown	75

* Includes an additional **51** stamps from *plate 13* for which the precise colour is not known.
Please note that no attempt has been made to differentiate between the
different watermarks found on plates 4 and 13.

Perfin figures are correct to **1st July 2018**.